Graduate Council Charge

The Graduate Council of CSU Dominguez Hills serves as a standing committee to the Academic Senate and in an advisory capacity to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Policy considerations and recommendations will be forwarded to both. Graduate student success relies on consultation, inclusion, and the integration of graduate programs into the larger campus. Ensuring graduate student success includes bringing together the faculty, staff, students, and administration involved in the consultative process that encompasses graduate programs which include graduate program design, modification, assessment and evaluation. In addition to providing a network within the campus community for faculty, staff, students and administrators with responsibility for graduate programs, the Council will play an advocacy role for CSU Dominguez Hills graduate programs both on and off campus. The graduate programs at CSUDH play a vital role in supporting the university’s mission to enhance and develop academic graduate programs that culminate in globally relevant degrees that are responsive to student interest and regional workforce trends and needs.

Membership 2019-2020
Katy M. Pinto (GC Chair), 2018-2020

T. Ares, Nursing (MSN), M. Beheshti, Cyber Security, D. Best (English/Rhetoric & Composition), A. Boadi (Systems Engineering), C. Cummings (Environmental Science), E. Curammeng, Curriculum and Instruction, N. Vasquez (MSW), K. Esposito (Special Education), J. Han (Computer Science), J. Jhun (School Leadership Program), B. Jarrett (NCRP), A. Mancillas (Counseling), M. Muller (Orthotics and Prosthetics), H. Kitching/T. Peralta (OT), B. Vu (MPA/MBA), F. Wang (Biology), M. Willis (MFT), K. Wilson/S.Santos (Psychology), E. Zoerner (English: TESL-non voting), L. Wilson (MSQA); Ex-Officio J. Price (Interim Dean GSR), V. Cervantes (GS), L. Martinez (NBS), L. Wilson (CEIE).

Meetings
Fall 2019:
- 9/16/19
- 10/21/19
- 11/18/19

Spring 2020:
- 2/24/2020
- 3/23/2020
- 4/20/20
Topics of Discussion
Graduate council discussed a variety of topics during the Academic Year 19/20. The committee also consulted with a variety of persons on campus, including Admissions and Records, Registrar’s Office, Thesis Coordinator, UCC, PRP, and UWC. Some of the topics discussed are listed below.

Orientations/Trainings /Events
- Graduate Student Week (first at CSUDH)
- New Graduate Student Orientation
- Graduate Coordinator Training

Admissions Policies/Process/Procedures
- Graduation and Enrollment
- Admissions Process/Deadlines
- CALSTATE Apply

Graduate Student Opportunities at CSUDH
- Graduate Research Advancement Development (GRAD)
- Sally Casanova Doctoral Incentive
- Graduate Equity Fellowship
- Thesis of Year and Project of the Year Awards
- Student Research Day (GSR office)

Program Curriculum & Modification
- Impact Statements

University Policies/Process/Procedures
Thesis guidelines and templates
- Graduate Student Commencement Support (Regalia Costs/Student Needs)
- Spring 2020 topics were greatly shifted to address the consequences of global pandemic and campus closures/alternative instruction
  - COVID and GWAR
  - COVID and Deadlines
  - COVID and Admissions
  - COVID and Grades
  - COVID and Culminating Experiences

Academic Senate Resolutions
FPC 19-16: Resolution to make Graduate Council a Standing Committee of Academic Senate